

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 7 of the SPECIFICATION, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 13 in the following manner:

~~Also according to another variation, the an encasement of claim 11, further comprises~~ may include a locking mechanism. The locking mechanism couples the back portion of the encasement portion with the handheld computer to secure stable mating between the connector in the encasement and the serial connector of the handheld computer.

On page 7 of the SPECIFICATION, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 17 in the following manner:

Optionally, ~~the encasement of claim 5, further comprises~~ an encasement may comprise a mechanical coupling that enables the front portion and the back portion to be retained in a closed position. The mechanical coupling may be any kind of coupling mechanism available in the art, such as a male ~~velcro~~ VELCRO element positioned on the front or the back portion and a female ~~velcro~~ VELCRO element positioned on the other of the front and the back portions.

On page 19 of the SPECIFICATION, line 3, please amend the paragraph in the following manner:

FIG. 2B shows the second face 235 of the cover panel 204. In one embodiment, the second face 235 includes a pocket 255 to retain relatively flat items such as business cards or credit cards. The pocket 255 of the cover panel 204 is preferably formed from clear plastic portion 256 that is stitched to the second surface. Alternatively, the pocket 255 may be a unitary feature of the cover panel 204. The pocket 255 may also be joined to the second face 235 with ~~Velcro~~ VELCRO or other detachable coupling mechanisms.

On page 23 of the SPECIFICATION, line 16, please amend the specification in the following manner:

Optionally, the encasement 300 may further comprise a mechanical coupling (not shown) that enables the front portion and the back portion to be retained in a closed position. The mechanical coupling may be any kind of coupling mechanism available in the art, such as a male ~~velcro~~ VELCRO element positioned on the front or the back portion and a female ~~velcro~~ VELCRO element positioned on the other of the front and the back portions.